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The SPECTATOR.

Nunquam ita quisquam bene subducta ratione ad vitam fuit
Quin res, ætas, usus semper aliquid apportet novi
Aliquid moneat, ut illa, quæ te scire credas, nescias
Et, quæ tibi putaris prima, in experiundo ut repudies. Ter.

Monday, November 24, 1712.

THERE are, I think, Sentiments in the following Letter from my Friend Captain SENTRY, which discover a rational and equal Frame of Mind, as well prepared for an advantagious as an unfortunate Change of Condition.

SIR, Coverley-Hall, Nov. 15. Worcestershire.

'I Am come to the Succession of the Estate of 'my honoured Kinsman Sir ROGER DE COVERLEY; and I assure you I find it no easy Task to 'keep up the Figure of Master of the Fortune 'which was so handsomely enjoyed by that honest 'plain Man. I cannot (with respect to the great 'Obligations I have, be it spoken) reflect upon his 'Character, but I am confirmed in the Truth 'which I have, I think, heard spoken at the Club, 'to wit, That a Man of a warm and well disposed 'Heart with a very small Capacity, is highly superior in humane Society to him who with the 'greatest Talents is cold and languid in his Affections. But, alas! why do I make a Difficulty, in 'speaking of my worthy Ancestor's Failings? his 'little Absurdities and Incapacity for the Conversation of the politest Men are dead with him, and 'his greater Qualities are even now useful to him. 'I know not whether by naming those Disabilities I 'do not enhance his Merit, since he has left behind him a Reputation in his Country which 'would be worth the Pains of the wisest Man's 'whole Life to arrive at. By the Way I must observe to you, that many of your Readers have 'mistook that Passage in your Writings, wherein 'Sir ROGER is reported to have enquired into the 'private Character of the young Woman at the 'Tavern. I know you mentioned that Circumstance as an Instance of the Simplicity and Innocence of his Mind, which made him imagine it a very easy thing to reclaim one of those Criminals, and not as an Inclination in him to be guilty with her. The less Discerning of your Readers cannot enter into that Delicacy of Description in the Character: But indeed my chief Business at this Time is to represent to you my present State of Mind, and the Satisfactions I promise to my self in the Possession of my new Fortune. I have continued all Sir ROGER's Servants, except such as it was a Relief to dismiss into little Beings within my Manor. Those who are in a List of the good Knight's own Hand to be taken Care of by me, I have quarter'd upon such as have taken new Leases of me, and added so many Advantages during the Lives of the Persons so quartered, that it is the Interest of those whom they are joined with to cherish and befriend them upon all Occasions. I find a considerable Sum of ready Money, which I am laying out among my Dependants at the common Interest, but with a Design to lend it according to their Merit rather than according to their Ability. I shall lay a Tax upon such as I have highly obliged, to become Security to me for such of their own poor Youth, whether Male or Female, as want Help towards getting into some Being in the World. I hope I shall be able to manage my Affairs so, as to improve my Fortune every Year, by doing Acts of Kindness. I will lend my Money to the use of none but indigent Men, secured by such as have ceased to be indigent by the Favour of my Family or my self. What makes this the more practicable is, that if they will do any one Good with my Money, they are welcome to it upon their own Security: And I make no Exception against it, because the Persons who enter into the Obligations do it for their own Family. I have laid out four thousand Pounds this Way, and it is not to be imagined what a Crowd of People are obliged by it. In Cases where Sir ROGER has recommended I have lent Money to put out Children, with a Clause which makes void the Obligation, in Case the Infant dies before he is out of his Apprenticeship; by which Means the Kindred and Masters are extreamly careful of breeding him to Industry, that he may repay it himself by his La-

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(Price Two-pence.)

bout in three Years Journey-work after his Time ‘ is out for the use of his Securities. Opportunities ‘ of this Kind are all that have occurred since I ‘ came to my Estate; but I assure you I will pre- ‘ serve a constant Disposition to catch at all the ‘ Occasions I can to promote the Good and Hap- ‘ piness of my Neighbourhood.

‘ But give me Leave to lay before you a little ‘ Establishment which has grown out of my past ‘ Life, that, I doubt not, will administer great ‘ Satisfaction to me in that Part of it, whatever ‘ that is, which is to come.

‘ There is a Prejudice in favour of the Way of ‘ Life to which a Man has been educated, which I ‘ know not whether it would not be faulty to over- ‘ come: It is like a Partiality to the Interest of ‘ one's own Country before that of any other Na- ‘ tion. It is from an Habit of Thinking, grown ‘ upon me from my Youth spent in Arms, that ‘ I have ever held Gentlemen, who have preserv'd ‘ Modesty, Good-nature, Justice, and Humanity ‘ in a Soldier's Life, to be the most valuable and ‘ worthy Persons of the humane Race. To pass ‘ through imminent Dangers, suffer painful Watch- ‘ ings, frightful Alarms, and laborious Marches ‘ for the greater Part of a Man's Time, and pass the ‘ rest in a Sobriety conformable to the Rules of ‘ the most virtuous civil Life, is a Merit too great ‘ to deserve the Treatment it usually meets with ‘ among the other Part of the World. But I as- ‘ sure you, Sir, were there not very many who ‘ have this Worth, we could never have seen ‘ the glorious Events which we have in our Days. ‘ I need not say more to illustrate the Character ‘ of a Soldier, than to tell you he is the very ‘ contrary to him you observe loud, sawcy, and ‘ overbearing in a red Coat about Town. But I ‘ was going to tell you, that in Honour of the Pro- ‘ fession of Arms, I have set apart a certain Sum of ‘ Money for a Table for such Gentlemen as have ‘ served their Country in the Army, and will please ‘ from Time to Time to sojourn all, or any Part ‘ of the Year at *Coverley*. Such of them as will do ‘ me that Honour shall find Horses, Servants, and ‘ all Things necessary for their Accommodation, ‘ and Enjoyment of all the Conveniencies of Life ‘ in a pleasant various Country. If Collonel *Camporsels* be in Town, and his Abilities are not em- ‘ ployed another way in the Service, there is no ‘ Man would be more welcome here. That Gen- ‘ tleman's thorough Knowledge in his Profession, ‘ together with the Simplicity of his Manners, ‘ and Goodness of his Heart, would induce others ‘ like him to honour my Abode; and I should be ‘ glad my Acquaintance would take themselves to ‘ be invited or not, as their Characters have an ‘ Affinity to his.

‘ I would have all my Friends know, that they ‘ need not fear (though I am become a Country ‘ Gentleman) I will trespass against their Tempe- ‘ rance and Sobriety. No, Sir, I shall retain so ‘ much of the good Sentiments for the Conduct of ‘ Life, which we cultivated in each other at our ‘ Club, as to contemn all inordinate Pleasures: But ‘ particularly remember, with our beloved *Tully*, ‘ that the Delight in Food consists in Desire, not ‘ Satiety. They who most passionately pursue ‘ Pleasure seldomest arrive at it. Now I am writ- ‘ ting to a Philosopher, I cannot forbear mentioning ‘ the Satisfaction I took in the Passage I read Ye- ‘ sterday in the same *Tully*. A Nobleman of *A- ‘ thens* made a Compliment to *Plato* the Morning ‘ after he had supped at his House, *Your Enter- ‘ tainments do not only please when you give them, ‘ also the Day after.*

I am,

My worthy Friend,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

WILLIAM SENTRY.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 24th of November, will be presented a Comedy call'd the Busy Body. By Her Majesty's Command no Persons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

Never Perform'd but once.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, on Wednesday next, being the 26th of November, will be presented a new Opera call'd, The Faithful Shepherd, Composed by Mr. Handel. The Parts to be performed by Signior Cavaliero Valentiano Pellegrini, Signior Valentino Urbani, Signora Pilotti Schiavonetii, Signora Margaretta de l'Epine, Mrs. Barbier, and Mr. Leveridge. Boxes 8 s. Pit 5 s. Gallery 2 s. 6 d. Boxes upon the Stage Half a Guinea. To begin exactly at Six a Clock. No Person to stand upon the Stage.

AT Punch's Theatre in the Little-Piazza, Covent-Garden, this present Monday, being the 24th of November, will be presented an Entertainment, call'd The Constant Couple, or, The Blind Beggar of Bednall-Green; with the Comical Humour of Squire Punch and his Man Gudgeon. Note, The same will be Acted to Morrow, being the 25th, beginning at 6 a-Clock. Boxes 2 s. Pit 1 s.

At Barbers and Surgeons-Hall in Mugwell-street near Cripple-gate, on Monday the 24th of November, will be perform'd by Subscription a Consort of Vocal and Instrumental Musick, viz. Haut-Boys, German Flute, Kettle-Drums, Trumpets, Octave Flutes, Violins and Singing, by several Masters, for the Benefit of Mr. Cook. Tickets may be had at the Ben. Johnson's Head Clarkenwell Close, and at the Rose Ale-house over-against the Hall.

The Agents for the Captors give Notice, That they will put up to Sale, on Thursday the 3d of December, 1713, at the Marine Coffee-house in Birchin-lane, at 3 a Clock, the remaining Part of the Cargo of the Ship Staden of Stockholm, lying at Portsmouth, condemned as Prize by the Right Honourable the Lords of Appeals, consisting of 410 Bags of Spanish Wool, 21 Casks Cocheneel, 29 Skins, &c. 8 Casks Silvester, 9 Chests Indigo, 410 Barrels Raisins, 6 Pipes Pickle-Lemons, 2 Bales Spanish Cordevants, and several Pots and Casks of damaged Olives. The Samples of the said Woolls, Cocheneel, Indigoes, &c. are to be seen at Sam. Proctor's, Broker, in St. Martins-lane Cannon-street, where Catalogues may be had, and at the said Marine Coffee-house. Sam Proctor, Broker

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The famous Antirheumatick Tincture, of the late most experienced Chymist Mr. Geo. Wilson, having long since gained great Reputation, by curing Multitudes, not only of Rheumatick Pains, but of other chronick and stubborn Diseases, which the many Letters received from Persons of Quality, Physicians, Surgeons, and others, do abundantly testify. He had no Thoughts of permitting it to be published any more, yet being assured that it has been counterfitted, and now Sold by several People in Town, detracting much from the Medicines Virtue; This is to satisfy the World, that this excellent Medicine, which Mr. Wilson some time before his Death had much improved, and solemnly declared to several Gentlemen, that he had fully and only instructed his Wife to prepare, continues only to be Sold by his Widow; at her House in Well-Yard, near St. Bartholomew's-Hospital in London.

That the Publick may not be deceived by Counterfeits, this is to give Notice, That Mr. Bowden's Issue-Pease and Plaisters are the same, and prepared by the same Hand, as they were from the first Publication, which is about Nine Years since, have answered with general Satisfaction, and are still sold by him as formerly at the Plough and Harrow, the first House in Chancery-lane next Fleet-street, also by Mr. Peck, at the Leg near the Corner of Cornhill next Leadenhall-street; Mr. Paine, next Sam's Coffee-house in Ludgate-street, and Mr. Cooper, at the Corner of Charles-Court near York-Buildings in the Strand, all Toy-Shops.

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